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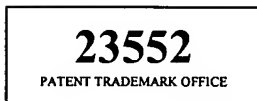
The above preliminary amendment is made to cancel claims 25-49 and 57-73. The claims have been amended without prejudice or disclaimer, to reduce their number. None of these amendments are made for the purposes of patentability, and no new matter has been added.

A new abstract page is supplied to conform to that appearing on the publication page of the WIPO application, but the new Abstract is typed on a separate page as required by U.S. practice.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

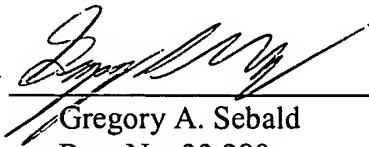
If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Gregory A. Sebald (Reg. No. 33,280), at (612) 336-4728.

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ABSTRACT

The present invention provides methods for using growth hormone releasing factor analogs of the formula (A), X-GRF Peptide, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, for increasing muscle function in a subject. Also disclosed herein are corresponding methods, packages and compositions.